BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2011-893

JULIE KAY CARMEAN, aka JULIE KAY REICHER, aka JULIE KAY BAYER, aka JULIE KAY VASQUEZ

Registered Nurse License No. 438377

Respondent.

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on July 3, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED this July 3, 2012.

Erin Niemela Temporary Chair

-Board-of-Registered-Nursing-

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

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15	AKA JULIE KAY VASQUEZ 33685 Madera de Playa Temecula, CA 92592 LICENSE AND ORDER		
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17	Registered Nurse License No. 438377		
18	Respondent.		
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1	In the interest of a prompt and speedy resolution of this matter, consistent with the public		
21	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer		
22	Affairs the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Surrender of License and Order which		
23	will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the		
24	Accusation.		
25	<u>PARTIES</u>		
26	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of		
27	Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in		
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Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 2011-893)

this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Loretta A. West, Deputy Attorney General.

- 2. Julie Kay Carmean, aka Julie Kay Reicher, aka Julie Kay Bayer, aka Julie Kay Vasquez (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.
- 3. On or about March 31, 1989, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse License No. 438377 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2011-893 and will expire on April 30, 2013, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. On May 3, 2011, Accusation No. 2011-893 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 3, 2011. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2011-893 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 2011-893. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this
 Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
- Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2011-893, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Registered Nurse License.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges. All of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 2011-893 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent during any other proceedings in which the Board of Registered Nursing or other professional licensing agency is involved including, but not limited to, a petition for reinstatement or application for licensure.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Registered Nurse License without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

- 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 438377, issued to Respondent Julie Kay Carmean, aka Julie Kay Reicher, aka Julie Kay Bayer, aka Julie Kay Vasquez, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Registered Nursing.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Registered Nurse License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Registered Nursing.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a registered nurse in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 2011-893 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- 5. If and when Respondent's license is reinstated, she shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated:

12/16/2011

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California LINDA K. SCHNEIDER Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Deputy Attorney General
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2011-893

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14	KAY BAYER, aka JULIE KAY VASQUEZ 29730 Cottonwood Cove Drive			
15	Menifee, CA 92583			
16	6 Registered Nurse License No. 438377			
17	7 Respondent.			
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19	9 Complainant alleges:	Complainant alleges:		
20	PARTIES			
21	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her			
22	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of			
23	Consumer Affairs.			
24	2. On or about March 31, 1989, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered			
25	5 Nurse License Number 438377 to Julie Kay Carmean, also ki	Nurse License Number 438377 to Julie Kay Carmean, also known as Julie Kay Reicher, also		
26	6 known as Julie Kay Bayer, also known as Julie Kay Vasquez	known as Julie Kay Bayer, also known as Julie Kay Vasquez (Respondent). The Registered		
27	7 Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevan	Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and		
28	will expire on April 30, 2011, unless renewed.			
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811, subdivision (b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

(a) Unprofessional conduct . . .

COSTS

7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8. Respondent was employed by the Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties (VNAIC) as a Home Health Registered Nurse Case Manager starting September 15, 2008. The job description required that Respondent plan, implement, and assess the plan of care for each patient in her caseload, and utilize principles of community health nursing to provide skilled nursing care to patients.

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- 14. In January 2010, Respondent was assigned to provide home assessments to a VNAIC client, an 84-year old male with lung cancer (hereinafter "patient"), who was receiving chemotherapy treatments. He had additional serious health problems. The patient's wife had passed away in 2005 and he had no children, and no relatives living nearby. The patient lived alone; he was frail and dependent on home-based nursing care to provide for his health and well-being.
- On or about May 14, 2010, the VNAIC Human Resources Director was alerted that Respondent had received thousands of dollars in money and gifts from the patient. On May 17, 2010, a VNAIC representative and a social worker met with the patient who stated that Respondent divulged personal information about herself and frequently discussed her financial difficulties. The patient gave Respondent approximately \$12,000 in cash towards a down payment on her house, and approximately \$12,000 in cash to purchase a car. Respondent took the patient to several furniture stores where he purchased furniture for Respondent's home using cash and a credit card. Respondent took the patient to church several times, and to lunches afterwards (at his expense). Respondent also took the patient to her home on numerous occasions. The patient gave Respondent \$80,000 in cash to open a safe deposit box in Respondent's name. When Respondent stopped coming for visits, or returning his calls, he became upset and called Respondent demanding his money back. Respondent took the patient to the bank to empty the safe deposit box. She threw \$30,000 in his lap, which was the amount remaining in the safe deposit box. The patient felt that Respondent was no longer interested in him because she had a new boyfriend, and that she had taken him for a sucker.
- 16. On May 17, 2010, the Director and representatives met with Respondent to discuss the allegations. Respondent denied any wrongdoing, stating that she did not take any money from the patient; she opened a safe deposit box in both their names, but took her name off the next day; and that she used her own money from a settlement for the down payment for her home, for the car, and for the furniture. Respondent stated that the patient bought furniture for her and had it delivered to her home without her knowledge, but that

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she immediately paid him for the furniture. Respondent stated that taking the patient on outings was not a problem because it was done on her own time. Respondent was immediately suspended; her employment with VNAIC was terminated on May 24, 2010. VNAIC filed a complaint with the Board dated June 9, 2010.

Division of Investigation Case No. 10-02007-RN

- 17. An investigator with the Division of Investigation (DOI) was assigned to investigate the complaint made by VNAIC to the Board. On or about December 8, 2010, the investigator interviewed Respondent who related the following information:
- 18. Respondent stated that as a case manager, she was required to make two visits per month, however she began visiting the patient more frequently in her off time. Respondent felt sorry for the patient, and took him to her church in Menifee at least three times. After the third time, they went to lunch, which he paid for. Respondent recalled that she and the patient went to dinner at least twice, and she took him to doctor appointments two or three times.
- 19. Respondent and the patient once had lunch at the Menifee Country Club. While there, the patient fell and Respondent took him to the doctor. He was transferred to the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Respondent picked up the patient at the V.A. Hospital and took him home.
- 20. Respondent's mother picked up the patient at his home and brought him to Respondent's home where they celebrated both their birthdays.
- 21. Respondent stated that the patient wanted to purchase a new chair, so she took him to a furniture store. While there, she was admiring a dining room set. To her surprise, the patient purchased the set and had it delivered to her house. She tried to pay him back, but he would not accept any money.
- 22. Respondent stated that the patient gave her \$15,000 for a down payment for her house, and \$23,000 to purchase a dependable car.
- 23. The patient requested that Respondent open a safe deposit box in her name. She took the patient to a bank near her home and deposited \$80,000. Respondent stated that the patient insisted she take \$20,000 of the money to pay off her bills, which she used to pay off her credit

cards. She also took out money for her own personal use because that was what the patient wanted her to do.

- 24. Over the course of her visits, Respondent stated that the patient became obsessed with her. He constantly called her work cell phone, sometimes calling three or four times a day, and was asking too much of her time. The patient called Respondent one day requesting that she take him to the bank to withdraw the money in the safe deposit box. Respondent gave the patient the remainder of the money, took him home, and that was the last time she saw him.
- 25. By Respondent's own admission, she received well over \$100,000 in "gratuities" from the patient.
- 26. In Respondent's "Skilled Nursing Recert" of the patient dated March 3, 2010, she stated that the patient displayed "No signs of abuse/neglect/exploitation."
- 27. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department contacted both Respondent and the patient. According to an interview with the patient, he first came into contact with Respondent in February 2010. He described her as very attentive, and that he liked her very much. The next time he saw Respondent was approximately one month later. When she entered his house, Respondent gave him a big hug, which he liked. Respondent told the patient that her relationship with her boyfriend was ending and that she needed to find a new place to live or she would be homeless. The patient became concerned for her welfare.
- 28. The patient divulged to Respondent that he had \$143,000 in a bank account in Long Beach which was being overseen by his step-nephew. The patient went to Long Beach and withdrew \$135,000 in cash and stored it in a cardboard box in a bedroom closet.
- 29. Respondent began visiting him more frequently, at least once a week. She took him to local shops and businesses. Respondent told the patient that she was having car problems, so he gave her \$14,000 to buy a better car. Respondent gave him a big hug.
- 30. In March 2010, Respondent told the patient that she had always dreamed of buying a home and took the patient to a property in Menifee she wished to purchase. She needed \$40,000 cash as a down payment; the patient surprised her and gave her the money she needed.

31. Respondent was now visiting the patient one or two days per week; he began to feel he was a part of her life. In April 2010, they went to several furniture stores and he paid for anything she wanted. The patient stated he spent thousands of dollars on furniture for Respondent.

- 32. The patient asked Respondent to open a safe deposit box in her name and gave her \$80,000 to deposit. He wanted to avoid having his name on the bank documents. He observed Respondent carry the \$80,000 to the safe deposit box. The patient grew suspicious that Respondent was seeing another man. During one of her unscheduled visits, he asked Respondent how much money was left in the safe deposit box. Respondent told him that she had paid her mortgage two years in advance and that there was less than \$30,000 left. The patient had Respondent take him to the bank and retrieve his money. She went into the bank and returned with \$30,000 in cash in a brown paper bag. Respondent took the patient home and dropped him off on the sidewalk. He never saw her again.
- 33. In an interview with Respondent conducted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Respondent confirmed that she accepted gifts and money from the patient. Respondent stated that "morally" she should not have accepted the gifts because of the patient/nurse relationship. Respondent also stated that she felt she should return a portion of the money spent on her, but that she has only been able to save about \$6,000.
- her first outing with the patient, when she took him to church, occurred when she was no longer his case worker. She describes her relationship with the patient as a "friendship" and she took the patient to her home approximately eight times. Respondent's mother brought the patient to Respondent's home for a birthday party, and dropped him off at his home after the party. Respondent described the circumstances that led to opening a safe deposit account in her name to deposit \$80,000 of the patient's money. According to Respondent, the patient stated that "He did not want any of it and had always wanted to give it to someone who deserved it and became adamant that I have it." Respondent further stated that the patient consistently told her to use the money to pay off her bills, get furniture for her house, and buy a new car. Respondent stated she

In Respondent's written declaration dated December 8, 2010, Respondent stated that

refused to touch his money at first, telling him "[She] had no right to spend his money." The patient told Respondent that she was not being a friend if she did not grant his wish and take the money. Respondent stated that the patient insisted over and over that she take the money so that she could get a fresh start. At some point, the patient felt he was not receiving the attention he wanted from Respondent and began leaving "negative" messages on her cell phone. Respondent offered to assist in arranging transportation for him, but he became angry. Respondent stated that at that time, she offered to pay the patient back "all the money he loaned [her]" but he refused. Respondent returned the money remaining in the safe deposit box, but stated she could no longer take him places as he was becoming too demanding of her time. Respondent admitted that her actions were unethical. She felt that she never wronged anyone and was only being kind to a person who needed a friend. Respondent stated that the "approximate" amount of money she received from the patient was \$30,000. The rest she "either returned to him or paid him back."

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

- 35. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(1) of the Code for unprofessional conduct, with respect to her conduct toward her patient, and VNAIC client, as detailed in paragraphs 8-34, above and as follows:
- a. Respondent knowingly engaged in conduct that violated agency safety rules when she transported the patient in her personally-owned vehicle for unauthorized outings, and allowed her mother to do the same. Respondent took the patient on an unauthorized outing where he fell and was injured, and required hospitalization;
- b. Respondent violated the agency's policies, procedures and standards of conduct when she formed a personal relationship with a patient;
- c. Respondent engaged in lying and dishonesty during interviews with VNAIC representatives and the DOI investigator related to the investigation of this matter;
 - d. Respondent accepted gifts and gratuities from a patient;
 - e. Respondent failed to maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

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1	36. Respondent violated the nurse/patient relationship for her own benefit, and accepted			
2	large sums of cash and gifts from an elderly, terminally ill patient, as detailed in paragraphs 8-34,			
3	above. Nurse/patient relationships have, as their foundation, the goal of alleviating suffering, and			
4	protecting and promoting the health and safety of the patient. Respondent was unethical in that			
5	she failed to respect the dignity of her patient, or protect his best interests. Respondent exploited			
6	the patient's reliance on her for care and companionship, and allowed him to believe they had a			
7	personal relationship so that she could receive the gratuities. Respondent's actions exhibited			
8	extremely poor judgment, and they violated the moral and ethical standards of the nursing			
9	profession.			
10	PRAYER			
11	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,			
12	and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:			
13	1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 438377, issued to Julie			
14	Kay Carmean, also known as Julie Kay Reicher, also known as Julie Kay Bayer, also known as			
15	Julie Kay Vasquez;			
16	2. Ordering Julie Kay Carmean to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable			
17	costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions			
18	Code section 125.3;			
19	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.			
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22	DATED: 5/3/1/ LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN/			
23	Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing			
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